January 2010 Training Tracker

Utah Public Charter Schools

Monthly Directors' Dialogue Sessions

January 22, 2010

Looking at Your School's Data

Bring your own data to analyze
(School-specific, CRT, IOWA, DWA, CBT, & any other alphabet letters you wish to review)

Mark your calendars now!

Monday, February 22, 2010

Craft a Strategic Plan for Your School

Monday, March 22, 2010

Ten Tidy Tips to Successful School PR

April 23, 2010

Mentoring

(It's bigger than it sounds...)

May 28, 2010

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(Only if requested)

Upcoming Charter School Trainings

JANUARY:

14 SIS Training

Assessment Module on the Web (Secondary Schools)
City Academy, 555 East 200 South, Salt Lake City
9:30 – 12:00

RSVP to Jan Shepherd no later than Monday, Jan. 11. janshep01@gmail.com

22 <u>Monthly Directors' Discussion Session</u> <u>Looking at Your School's Data</u>

> USOE – Board Rooms 8:30 – 3:00

Lunch & chocolate provided

RSVP to Jeannie Rowland <u>no later than Wed., Jan 20.</u> Jeannie.Rowland@schools.utah.gov or 801-538-7676

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February:

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March:

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USOE – Board Rooms

8:30 - 3:00

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Other opportunities:

"We Shall Remain"

<u>Utah Indian Curriculum Project</u> Professional Development

February 3, 2010 Wasatch Peak Academy

414 North Cutler, North Salt Lake Noon – 4:00 p.m.

> Space is limited Snack provided

RSVP to Sandy Shepard

sshepard@wasatchpeak.org 801-936-3066

Would you benefit from a link to Special Education K-12 Alternative Routes to Licensing (ARL) information?

http://www.schools.utah.gov/s ars/inforesource/spedarl.htm



DID YOU KNOW??

The USOE Curriculum's Health & PE Section has a link for an online Health Education Toolbox. It is an alphabetical list of over 25 health related topics and related links. It was created in October, so it should still be fairly accurate. What a great resource! For more information see:

http://www.schools.utah.gov/EdTech/ProfDev/default.htm.

- The American Association of School Administrators offers a free Toolkit to Help Educators Help Military Families. This includes the top 15 things school leaders can do, a fact sheet on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, information about Impact-Aid funding, and mores. The dates for the hearings can be found at: http://www.aasa.org/MilitaryChild.aspx.
- The USOE's Finance & Statistics Section has a webpage dedicated to Data Management Resources. This includes a Guide to Building a Culture of Quality Data, a Guide to Protecting the Privacy of Students (which includes sample forms to use with parents, etc.) and other resources. The site can be found at:

http://www.schools.utah.gov/finance/statistics/data manag ment/resources.htm.

- The USOE's Law & Legislation Section has Model Policies, Papers of Interest, School Fee Forms (in English & Spanish), a link to 2010 Legislative Information, and other resources. The link for this site is: http://www.schools.utah.gov/law/.
- The USOE's Assessment Section has a great PowerPoint presentation offering Administration Training for the Utah Academic Language Proficiency Assessment (UALPA). It explains the educational jargon associated with the assessment, the testing window, and many other critical details. Take advantage of this resource if you haven't already! The link to the UAPLA page is:

http://www.schools.utah.gov/assessment/info ualpa.aspx. Your USOE contact for the UALPA is Margaret Young at Margaret. Young@schools.utah.gov or 801-538-7673.

Rules Approved by the Board and Published in the December 1, 2009 Utah State Bulletin

R277-111 - Sharing of Curriculum Materials by Public School Educators (New)

First Possible Effective Date: January 7, 2010

Details can be found:

http://www.schools.utah.gov/LAW/USBE Rules in Process.htm

"Never look down on anybody unless you're helping them up."

-Reverend Jesse Jackson

Working Together to Tackle Classroom Management

In the Classroom with Deirdra Grode

For many passionate, knowledgeable, and creative educators, classroom management is the missing element that prevents them from being wholly effective. A chaotic or unruly environment is not conducive to student learning. To address this challenge, teachers and administrators must collaborate and communicate, forming strong partnerships to set and enforce classroom management policies.

For me as an administrator, this anecdote illustrates the need for strong communication between teachers and administrators on matters concerning discipline.

Guiding and mentoring teachers in preventing classroom disruptions and supporting teachers in their decision making will prove invaluable to our team's success. Also, setting clear expectations and outlining the consequences for violations of classroom and school norms and policies is extremely important. Finally, I believe that consistent and equitable enforcement of policies is a critical element for success.

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Find the full article here:

http://www.ascd.org/publications/ne wsletters/education_update/dec09/v ol51/num12/Working Together to Tac kle Classroom Management.aspx